

Subject Abbreviated annual reassessments of people receiving MA disability waiver services

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Overview

This bill allows lead agencies to conduct or arrange for annual abbreviated assessments for people ages 22 to 64 with no significant changes in function or needs who are receiving services through one of the MA disability waivers.

MA disability waivers offer service options that allow people to live in the community instead of going into or staying in an institutional setting. These waivers cover two types of services: (1) services necessary to avoid institutionalization that are not offered in Minnesota's MA state plan, and (2) services that are extensions of Minnesota's MA state plan services. Minnesota has four disability waivers:

- Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI): Provides services for individuals with disabilities who need the level of care provided in a nursing home;
- Brain Injury (BI): Provides services for individuals with brain injury who need the level of care provided in a nursing home or neurobehavioral hospital;
- Developmental Disabilities or Related Conditions (DD): Provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities or related conditions who need the same level of care as provided in an ICF/DD; and
- Community Alternative Care (CAC): Provides services for individuals with chronic illness who need the level of care provided in a hospital.

Summary

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1	Remote reassessments. Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 24. Makes a conforming change.
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Makes this section effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

2 **Reassessment frequency for Rule 85 case management and waiver services.**

Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 25. Requires a lead agency to conduct or arrange for a nonabbreviated reassessment at least once every three years for each person who is receiving MA disability waiver services. Allows a person or the person's legal representative to request a nonabbreviated reassessment at any time. Allows the lead agency to conduct or arrange for an annual abbreviated assessment using a tool approved by the commissioner for people ages 22 to 64 with no significant changes in function or needs. Requires the person or the person's legal representative to make an informed choice to accept an annual abbreviated assessment in lieu of annual reassessment. Limits abbreviated assessments to individuals who are receiving MA disability waiver services. Lists requirements an abbreviated assessment must meet.

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